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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DANISH AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY SISCO

1. ON MARCH 3, AMBASSADOR BORCH CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY SISCO. FOLLOWING SISCO'S WELCOME TO HIS FORMER UN COLLEAGUE AND HIS EXPRESSION OF SATISFACTION AT THE CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE NATURE OF US-DANISH RELATIONS, THE CONVERSATION WENT ON TO DEAL WITH THE SECRETARY'S LATIN AMERICAN TRIP, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA.

2. ON LATIN AMERICA, SISCO SAID THE SECRETARY'S VISIT HAD BEEN EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED. HE SAID IT UNDERScoreD THIS ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY OF BASING OUR RELATIONS WITH THE LATINS ON MUTUAL RESPECT AND A WILLINGNESS TO SIT DOWN WITH THEM TO REVIEW SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. THE SECRETARY DID THIS ON A VERY PRACTICAL PLANE THROUGHOUT THE TRIP, AND IT WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY HIS LATIN AMERICAN HOSTS.

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3. REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST, SISCO SAID WE DO NOT EX-

PECT ANY DRAMATIC BREAKTHROUGH TOWARD A SOLUTION IN 1976.  
FLEXIBILITY ON BOTH SIDES IS MINIMAL. OUR EFFORTS ARE  
DEVOTED TO MAINTAINING MOMENTUM WITH A VIEW TOWARDS  
1977. PALESTINE REMAINS THE CHIEF OBSTACLE IN ANY

IN ANY TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT. THAT IS WHY ISRAEL  
SEEMS TO BE GIVING PRIMARY ATTENTION INSTEAD TO WAYS TO  
END THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY. THE STUMBLING BLOCK TO A  
GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE REMAINS THE SOVIET AND SYRIAN UN-  
WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND WITHOUT THE PLO AND THE ISRAELI RE-  
FUSAL TO DEAL WITH THE PLO. SOVIET STRATEGY IS STILL  
BASED ON IDENTIFICATION WITH ARAB INTERESTS, AND THE  
USSR STILL APPARENTLY VIEWS A DURABLE PEACE SETTLEMENT AS  
A NET ADVANTAGE FOR US INTERESTS.

4. ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, SISCO SAID WE CONSIDER THE SITUA-  
TION AS QUITE SERIOUS, AND AS FORESHADOWING FURTHER  
SERIOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FUTURE. RHODESIA COULD EASILY  
BECOME THE NEXT TARGET, AND THIS SEEMS MORE LIKELY THAN A  
MOVE AGAINST NAMIBIA WHICH WOULD BRING THE CUBAN AND SOUTH  
AFRICAN ARMED FORCES INTO DIRECT, AND LARGE-SCALE CON-  
FRONTATION. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT KNOW THE INTENTION OF THE  
AGRESSORS, OBJECTIVE CIRCUMSTANCES MAY ENCOURAGE THEM TO  
CONTINUE. THE WEST IS LIMITED IN HOW IT CAN REACT, BUT  
IT IS USEFUL TO EMPHASIZE TWO THEMES: THAT THE CUBANS  
SHOULD GET OUT OF AFRICA AND THAT IF THEY DO NOT, THE  
ANTI-WESTERN MOVEMENT WHICH THEY HAVE LED AND ASSISTED CAN  
SPREAD AND RESULT IN CONFLICT AND DESTABILIZATION OVER A  
WIDE AREA WITH RESULTING DAMAGE TO BOTH AFRICAN AND  
WESTERN INTERESTS. KISSINGER

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